

Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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Meeting Summary

April 20, 2012

Members Present – Kameka Brown, Chair, Cynthia Andrews, Gwendolyn Coates, Marti Lindeman, Michael Lusk

Members Excused – Carolyn Johnson Davis, Helen Sikov

Staff – Karen Winston

I. Committee Reports

Outreach, Education & Community Engagement – Michael reported that he invited Amy Freeman from Columbia Legal Services to the June meeting. Amy would like to speak with members regarding the needs of older African Americans.

Legislative Advocacy Committee – Marti reported that the committee has begun planning the 2012 MCAAE Legislative Forum. This year the forum is scheduled for Thursday, August 2, and will again be held at the Central Area Senior Center. The committee is working with former State Representative Dawn Mason on the theme and list of legislators to invite. Dawn will serve as the panel moderator. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for April 26.

Digital Communications Committee – No report.

Bylaws Committee – The recommendations will be discussed at the May 4th retreat.

II. Recruitment Update

Gwendolyn reported that Kimberly Walker came for an interview that had been scheduled to take place before the meeting. Unfortunately, no members were present to participate in the interview, so she was asked to submit her answers to the interview questions via email.

Kameka reported that recruitment is ongoing and that she is actively recruiting in the community. Marti added that she has been actively recruiting too, and will be reaching out to more individuals following the retreat.

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III. May 4 MCAAE Retreat

The retreat agenda was emailed to members for their review. Marti questioned why Kameka and Michael were the only two listed on the agenda, but no changes were made.

Everyone was reminded of the meetings scheduled during May:

May 4 – Retreat, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Central Area Senior Center

May 8 – Meeting with Mayor McGinn, at 10:00 a.m., in the Mayor's Office

May 18 – MCAAE monthly meeting, 2 to 3:30 p.m., SMT Room 6048

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.